men from the troops m her pay in the Lowlands to be
speedily transported by sea into France

i^th May AN UNLUCKY GAOLER

Richard Mudford, Keeper of the Counter in Southampton,
had in his custody one Edmund Mellish, imprisoned for debt
This Melhsh escaped some two years since, and, notwithstanding
the Council's wan ant for help and assistance in the speedy
recovery and apprehension of the prisoner, and Mudford's
diligent travail in search of him, yet is he still at large , and the
keeper, unless some charitable course be taken, liable to pay his
debt of two hundred crowns and ^14 in costs, besides the loss
of his great expenses and travail, amounting to no less sum
The Council therefore write to Mellish's mother, the Lady
Allot, moving her charitably to consider the poor keeper's
distress by discharging him of the whole payment of her son's
debt.

DESERTERS FROM FRANCE AT DOVER

It is credibly reported that, notwithstanding the Council's
orders for the restraint of such soldiers as without passport draw
themselves from the service of the French King in Normandy,
above two hundred men of strong and able bodies are landed at
Dover and the places near without passport, in the company of
some few sick men, and without stay These men are allowed
to beg m the county with the passport of the Mayor, using most
slanderous speeches of the Queen's service and entertainment,
tending to the great discouragement of such as be willing to
serve. Mr Verney, Mr Edward Boyes, and Mr William Pert-
ridge, Esquires, are to repair to Dover, and discover the truth
of the matter , and in case they shall find the Council's orders

have been neglected, good bonds are to be taken of the Mayor
and such others who are found culpable for their personal
appearance , and to cause all soldiers that of late are landed
without passport to be stayed and punished

PLAYS OF THE WEEK

The plays at the Rose Theatre during this past week were *Brandimer, Harry the Sivth, Titus and Vespasian, The Spanish Tragedy^ The Second Part of Tamar Cam, The Jew of Malta.*